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PRIMARY ELECTION

Next Tuesday is Primary Election day. At first thought it would seem unnecessary to call especial attention to the importance of this matter, because it involves the highest right and duty of American citizenship. But when one considers the exceedingly small vote recorded at the last primary election, it would seem that the great majority of citizens failed to exercise their right of franchise. About one in six voted.

The coming primary is very important because it involves the nomination of state, congressional, representative, senatorial, and county officers, hence it covers the entire field in which we are most vitally interested.

There seems to be a notion that the primary is not as important as the general election. Nothing could be farther from the truth. When a man is nominated, his name goes on the regular official ballot whether he is qualified or not.

Ours is distinctly a representative government, and the people themselves are responsible for the election of the representatives. The constitution makes it the right of any citizen to aspire for office, but it leaves it in the hands of the people to decide who shall be chosen. It places the responsibility squarely up to the individual voter and no one should consider for a moment neglecting the most important matter of voting. It is not only a great privilege, but it is a duty one owes to his community and his country.

We kick a great deal about the government and about what is done by our representatives who hold the office. It is more than likely that we would have much less reason to kick if we did our duty better in the selection of those officers. Men and women should be chosen to public office because of ability and fitness and not because they are good mixers, have a pull, or belong to some lodge, club church or other organization. Every voter should investigate for himself and inquire into the fitness of candidates as far as possible. A candidate should possess at least the qualifications of strict honesty, a clean record, and a reasonable amount of ability. Every qualified voter in the city of Alma and the county of Gratiot should turn out next Tuesday and help decide the very important question of who shall be our representatives. Get all the information you can regarding the qualifications of candidates, make an honest effort to inform yourself, and then be on hand to vote. That is a mark of citizenship.

The women of Michigan now have the right to vote, and every woman should insist upon exercising that right. It is a duty that she owes to herself, her children, and her community. Great questions are before the American people. That we shall be honestly and intelligently represented is of great importance. We should fully realize that the better use we make of our ballots, the less likelihood there is of again resorting to the bullets. If you want good clean honest government, if you want to be represented by clean, capable honest officers, you must do your part on Primary Election day. Will you do your duty on that day? If not what excuse have you to offer?

THE ISSUE

The Issue has been squarely drawn for the presidential campaign. It is the League of Nations. Each candidate has expressed himself in terms which the people cannot misunderstand.

The Democratic candidate, Mr. Cox, stands squarely for the league as drawn by President Wilson without the change of a single article. He believes in internationalism as conceived by the President and is pledged to do all in his power, if elected, to have the United States become a member of the league upon the terms agreed upon by the President and Col. House. The Republican nominee, Mr. Harding, is against the league as conceived by President Wilson and is pledged to its defeat if possible. He is in favor of a League of Nations that will fully safeguard American interests. Mr. Harding backs that attitude taken by the U. S. Senate, by a two thirds majority vote regardless of party lines, in which vote twenty three democrats participated against the Wilson League.

With the issue so clearly drawn it ought not to be a hard matter for people to decide how they want to vote on the presidential question. Those who believe that President Wilson is right and that we should enter the league without any reservations will vote the Democratic ticket and those who believe there should be such reservations and safeguards as the Senate recommends and as seem wise for the protection of American interests, will vote the Republican ticket.

Brought down to its last analysis, it is a question of nationalism versus internationalism. It resolves itself into the question of whether we shall make America first, or whether, we shall give first thought to the League of Nations, which is world wide.

Every voter must decide this question for himself, but before he decides, he should think the matter over very carefully, because much is at stake. In this country every man is entitled to his own political opinion and is free to exercise his right to vote in any way he chooses, and that is a proper condition. However it places upon the individual the responsibility of informing himself in order that he may exercise his right intelligently and honestly.

Party organizations are a necessity and every voter should study the situation carefully and decide for himself with what party he wishes to be affiliated. None of us should take the attitude that we have no responsibility. When the issue is clearly drawn, we should decide for ourselves, then go to the poles and register our decision. It is a duty we owe our country.

The New York Sun, one of the greatest papers in America is authority for the statement that Great Britain increased its wealth a hundred billion dollars by the war. We put into the war four million men and over thirty billion dollars, but received no personal benefit. Yet there are those who seem to believe that we should enter the League of Nations and let Great Britain have six votes to our one. It is quite noticeable that Great Britain is looking after her own interests and letting Poland fight.

If you want to build up Alma, boost for your neighbors who are in business here, trade with your neighbor if he has anything you need. Help him build up his business and he in turn will help you build up yours. Use your hammer to build something worth while, throw your Sears, Roebuck catalog in the fire, and boost for all the enterprises in your own town. Then watch it grow and know that you have helped to make it grow.

Are you conserving your time and taking care of every moment in some useful way, either in doing some useful work or in taking some needed and healthful recreation, or are you idling your time away by fooling around with no settled purpose and no outlook, content to let each day take care of itself? If you are pursuing the latter course, don't blame fate, fifty years from now, because you never accomplished anything worth while.

The world has little or no use for the idler, the spendthrift, the pessimist, the grafter. In spite of that, however, it seems to be in a position where it has to put up with some of each breed. What a pity that Mother Nature has not devised some quicker process of self elimination of such undesirables.

To be honest, independent, self-supporting, healthy, and industrious is to go a long way toward real happiness. And all these qualities are obtainable by the most of us if we only devote a little thought to acquiring them.

Tots Dance to Amuse
Throgs At State Fair

One of the centers of attraction at the Michigan State Fair this year again will be the big open air theater in the grove adjoining the arts and crafts building. Mrs. Gertrude Sackett Swan, who has had charge of the children's department for the last 16 years has a large number of children in training for the dances and children's plays which will be given. The picture above shows a small group of bright-eyed youngsters who last year won round after round of applause with their folk dances.

Fair's Baby Show
Makes Her Queen

This little lady was a queen for a day last year and thousands of Michigan people bowed down in homage before her. She was one of the first prize winners at the Michigan State Fair baby show. Eileen's home is at Birmingham, Mich. She is expected to be entered in the baby show again this year.

The State Fair baby show draws the interest of all Michigan each year. Hundreds of babies have been entered.



EILEEN LANE PINE.

ed already this year and the entries do not close until Sept. 1. Besides the chance of their babies winning the honor of being declared the best baby in Michigan, parents have the opportunity of obtaining free at the show a complete physical examination for their children. Dr. E. P. Mills will be in charge of the judging this year will issue to each mother a card showing in detail the exact physical condition of her child.

TROTTERS AND PACERS
TO GO AT STATE FAIR

Trotters and pacers are to return into their own at the Michigan State Fair, Sept. 3-12. Two days, Sept. 4 and 11, have been set aside for horse racing. It is believed the best horses of the Michigan short ship circuit will be entered.

Races will be held on the half-mile track in front of the grand stand and special inducements are being made in the way of fat purses to bring out the fastest half-milers.

More than a month before the day set for the opening of the Michigan State Fair this year, Sept. 3, all of the concession spaces had been taken.

Blue blooded horses of the Grosse Pointe Hunt club are being groomed now for the big horse show at the Michigan State Fair, Sept. 3-12.

Like Game of Chess.

Husband—Always wanting money. It is like a game of chess—nothing but "check, check, check." Wife—But if you don't give it to me it will be still like a game of chess, for it will be "pawn, pawn, pawn." —Pearson's Weekly.

OHIO LEARNS HOW TO
RUN APIARY EXHIBITS

A representative of the Ohio state fair called recently on G. W. Dickinson, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan fair at Detroit, and talked over pointed on the methods so successfully employed last year at the state fair under the direction of E. B. Tyrell, of Detroit, former secretary of the National Beekeepers' Association. Ohio will largely use these ideas for its 1920 show.

Dates of the Michigan State Fair are Sept. 3-12.

WHAT COULD BE SWEETER?

If you've a sweet tooth visit the apiary department when you go to the Michigan State Fair, Sept. 3-12. The keepers of Michigan have arranged to send 10,000 pounds of honey to the big Detroit exposition. It will be sold during the fair for the beekeepers.

STATE FAIR RATES STAY
DOWN AS COSTS GO UP

After a study covering several months G. W. Dickinson, secretary of the Michigan State Fair has determined it will be necessary to make only one price increase in the fair this year, from Sept. 3 to 12. Rising costs in every department, it had been thought would necessitate increasing all fair rates.

Fees for entering various contests and exhibits this year will be the same as they were last year. Charges for livestock stalls, for food, for admission to the grand stand, for all of the races and other exhibitions on the track and for the night entertainment, the cost of box seats and all other fees charged by the fair association will remain unchanged, with the exception of the adult charge for admission to the grounds, which will be increased to 75 cents. Children's admission will remain at the same figure as last year.

This decision has been arrived at, Mr. Dickinson announced, despite the fact that state fairs all over the country have found it necessary to make a general blanket increase in every department.

FIREWORKS TO SHOW
SIEGE OF DARDANELLES

Even surpassing the "Battle of Chateau Thierry" of last year G. W. Dickinson, secretary-manager of the Michigan State Fair this year has arranged to have presented at the fair Sept. 3-12 the "Siege of the Dardanelles" in fire works.

Each night during the 10 days of the fair there will be a complete program on the race track before the grand stand which will include some of the biggest of the big circus acts, winding up with the "Siege of the Dardanelles."

Charles H. Duffield, of the Theatre-Duffield Company, masters of pyrotechnics, asserts that the "Siege of the Dardanelles" is the most graphic scenic display his company ever has presented. Warcraft of every description will gather in a big scenic setting representing the historic straits and will show how the great bombardment was conducted. The Turkish and German ships will sail out and give battle to the Allied fleet and with the rolling sea, depicted by flames the great blazing ships will battle each other until the Turks and Germans are sent reeling back behind the ramparts of low hills and Turkish fortifications.

STATE FAIR SHOWS HOW
TO CUT FARMING COSTS

How the mounting wages of farmhands is affecting Michigan agriculture is reflected in a number of ways in plans for the Michigan State Fair, at Detroit Sept. 3 to 12.

Farmers very generally are investing heavily in labor-saving machinery, despite its high cost. Manufacturers of this machinery are therefore asking record amounts of space to display their wares to the farmers. That the farmers are prosperous despite the prices they pay for everything is indicated too by the demands of the automobile companies. They are fairly insisting on having more display space at the state fair than ever before, and G. W. Dickinson, Secretary-Manager, is endeavoring to help them.

Keep Cool.

Conduct is the outward evidence of inward impulses. Impatience within is sure to make a sputtering grouch without. Things don't just happen. They are usually the product of a long train of circumstances. To be fair one should get out of patience with the whole series if you get fussed at all. But you don't. You just stew about the one thing that causes the explosion. When you have learned to be patient and wait you will have the power of changing many a problem that causes others all sorts of trouble. And it isn't a bit harder to do when you get the habit than it is to make a show of yourself. And it's a lot more comforting after the fuss is over.—Exchange.

Root of Generosity.

He who gives what he would as readily throw away gives without generosity; for the essence of generosity is in self-sacrifice.—Henry Taylor.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:5-14

Thus saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.

For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.

For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be carefull in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

As the partridge sitteth on eggs and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall see a fool.

A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

VOTERS ATTENTION

Why my good friend Judge Potts has not taken a more active part in the efforts of his friends who are asking for his return to the office for another term of four years, and why he says in his article published in the county papers July 29th, last: "I have made no campaign for re-nomination and shall not do so," is accounted for by reason of the platform on which he asked to be nominated eight years ago, which was as follows: (See Gratiot County Herald of August 22, 1912).

"For one term? Yes.
 For two terms? Yes.
 By the will of the People.
 For three terms? No.
 For four terms? Never."

It is idle to say that only one person can fill this office, and I hope and trust that the voters at the primaries will see that it is passed around. Two consecutive terms of four years each is long enough for any person to hold this office, and I ask to be nominated on this the above platform.

Respectfully submitted,
 (Signed) J. Lee Potts.

Judge Potts was nominated on this platform as he asked, and has served his two consecutive terms of four years each. I am now and have been since my first announcement in March last, a candidate for Judge of Probate and ask for your votes.

The Judge has been mighty nice to me all through my campaign and has said some very nice things in behalf of my candidacy. If I am nominated and elected I shall endeavor to keep the office up to its present standard of efficiency. Thanking Judge Potts and the good people of Gratiot county for the support they are giving my candidacy, I beg to remain,
 Respectfully yours,
 James G. Kress.

62-1-c

JOSEPH W. FORDNEY—A NATIONAL ASSET

At the primary election August 31 the voters of the Eighth Congressional District, composed of Saginaw, Shiawassee, Clinton, Gratiot, Ionia, and Montcalm counties, will nominate a representative in the national House of Representatives at Washington.

In this critical period of our history we need efficient men in the high offices of our land, men of experience as well as ability and in Joseph W. Fordney we have such a man. It would be a national as well as a state calamity not to return Mr. Fordney to Congress.

The women of Michigan need Mr. Fordney in Congress because his ability and experience has made him a real power there and any laws affecting women and children sponsored by him will have a support which a less well known candidate could never give them.

So women of the Eighth District, realize that while all women and children of Michigan need Mr. Fordney as their representative in Congress, only the women of the Eighth District can help to put him there. Take your part in a splendid piece of work by casting your vote on August 31st for Joseph W. Fordney and also urge your friends to do the same.

Women's Republican Club of Saginaw County. By Eleanor Gage, President.—62-1w-adv.

ARRESTED WEDNESDAY

Monta Coss of this city was taken in town by officers Wednesday, charged with running a still, in a swamp about six miles east of Ithaca. The still which the officers allege Coss was running, was one of 25 gallons capacity. The still was a complete one in almost every detail, it is said, and according to reports there was a good supply of mash on hand for operations.

First Idea of Sleeping Car.
 In 1856, on the 24 of December the first patent for a sleeping car was issued to Theodore Woodruff, the inventor. The idea was developed by Webster Wagner two years later, and by George Pullman in 1859.

HIGH SCHOOL

All students wishing to attend high school the coming year must classify either Friday or Saturday, September 3 and 4.

A. C. Luchman

A new "Tarzan" Picture, Strand soon.—adv.

THE FACTS ABOUT WOMAN SUFFRAGE

STATES THAT HAVE RATIFIED

REPUBLICAN

California, Nevada,
 Colorado, New Hampshire,
 Illinois, New Jersey,
 Indiana, New Mexico,
 Iowa, New York,
 Kansas, North Dakota,
 Kentucky, Ohio,
 Maine, Pennsylvania,
 Massachusetts, Rhode Island,
 Michigan, South Dakota,
 Minnesota, Washington,
 Montana, West Virginia,
 Nebraska, Wisconsin,
 Wyoming.

TOTAL.....29

DEMOCRATIC

Arkansas, Utah,
 Arizona, Oklahoma,
 Missouri, Tennessee,
 Texas.

TOTAL.....7

STATES THAT HAVE NOT RATIFIED

REPUBLICAN

Connecticut,
 Vermont.

TOTAL.....2

DEMOCRATIC

Florida,
 North Carolina.

TOTAL.....2

STATES THAT HAVE REJECTED

REPUBLICAN

Delaware.

TOTAL.....1

DEMOCRATIC

Alabama,
 Mississippi,
 Georgia,
 South Carolina,
 Maryland,
 Louisiana.

TOTAL.....7

ELEVEN Special Sessions of State Legislatures to ratify the Amendment were called by Democratic Governors, to SIXTEEN Special Sessions called by Republican Governors for the same purpose.

BENJAMIN F. REED

Supt. Mich. Free Employment Bureau, Saginaw, Mich.

For Congress 8th District
Republican Ticket

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